

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 01-04-02**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 2, 2001

Business Meeting: April 2, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dennis).

1. D2000.8.113 – MPC – General Rate Case – Miscellaneous adjustments (4/3/01)
2. D2000.12.205 – Five Valleys Gas Co – Rate Case – Discussion, direction, or action on additional procedures or final order (4/3/01)
3. D2000.12.203 – Mountain Water – Ruling on Rate Base Treatment of Acquisition – Preliminary discussion and direction, but possibly action, on requested ruling (4/3/01)
4. PSC electronic documents and related matters – Further discussion of the topic (4/3/01)
5. D2000.10.176 and D99.4.106 – Energy West Montana – EWM 2000 tracker and 1999 summary closure – Discuss status of cases, procedural options, other matters as necessary (4/2/01)

6. D2000.10.176 – Energy West Montana – Bring in Energy West Montana, to discuss errors in information issued by EWM in its March bill insert, errors in the Tribune article and quarterly tracker vs monthly tracker (4/2/01)

Legislative Meeting Daily as needed

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Montana Power Company Docket N2001.1.2 (Will)

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 5017, MPC has filed its annual avoided cost compliance filing, updating rates payable to qualifying facilities pursuant to tariff schedules QFLT-1 and STPP-1.

2. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2001.3.29 (Dave B)

On March 13, 2001, MDU filed a revision to its Balanced Billing Program to include qualified nonresidential gas and electric customers. The proposed revision is to extend eligibility for enrollment in the program to include those accounts that do not have a demand metered service. Typically this would mean extending the program to include such accounts as churches, schools, motels, small retail stores, restaurants, etc. The program is designed as a customer convenience and does not affect any tariff currently on file, but relates solely to the method of payment. Currently, 12,057 residential customers are participating in the Balanced Billing Program.

3. Montana Power Company N2001.3.36 (Denise)

On March 27, 2001, MPC filed a motion requesting 90-day protection of proprietary and confidential information submitted in the bidding process on MPC's Request for Proposals on default supply. Pursuant to § 69-3-105, MCA and ARM 38.2.5003, Commission staff preliminarily granted the 90-day protection, subject to action by the Commission. This protection will continue to June 25, 2001, at which time the information must be returned to MPC and not disclosed. MPC may request that the protection be extended by a protective order. Only the Commission and its staff may have access to the information through this protection.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2001.3.33 (Scott)

On March 23, 2001, Qwest Filed Tariff Transmittal 01-09 to introduce a limited time promotional offering for business access lines. In this promotion customers who subscribe to an additional flat rated business line or an additional Centrex 21 analog line will receive a \$30.00 bill credit. This promotion is scheduled to run from April 23, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-04-09**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D2001.3.32 – Qwest Corporation – Qwest/Telephone Co of Florida application for approval of resale
- N2001.3.33 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff 01-09 “Additional Business/Centrex 21 Line Promotion”
- N2001.3.34 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff 01-AC01 “PIC Change Charge Revision”
- D2001.3.35 – Qwest Corporation – Qwest/Digital Resale Agreement
- D2001.3.36 – Montana Power Co – Protective Order re: Electric Supply Bid Process
- D2001.3.37 – Energy West – Monthly Gas Tracker
- D2001.3.38 – Montana Power Co – Brenda Palmer formal complaint w/MPC